

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) An electrically driven power steering apparatus according to claim 2 [6], wherein a displacement limiter for limiting a predetermined or larger quantity of deformation of said elastic member is provided and constructed of a recessed portion formed in one of said rotor of said motor and said ball screw nut and a protruded portion formed on the other, and

said protruded portion, when said elastic member deforms by the predetermined quantity, engages with said recessed portion.

7. (Amended) An electrically driven power steering apparatus according to claim 1 or 4 [1 through 6], wherein said rotor of said motor and said ball screw nut are connected by an engagement between a female spline and a male spline of which at least one toothed surface is coated with a resin.

8. (Twice Amended) An electrically driven power steering apparatus according to [any one of] claims [1 through 6] 3 or 6, wherein said displacement limiter limits the predetermined or larger quantity of deformation of said elastic member at 40% or smaller of a maximum steering force exhibited by said motor.

9. (Twice Amended) An electrically driven power steering apparatus according to [any one of] claims [1 through 6] 1 or 4, wherein a natural oscillation frequency of a system constructed of said rotor, said ball screw nut and said elastic member is set to 7 Hz or higher.